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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KENYAN PURCHASE OF LOCOMOTIVES WITH EXIM
FINANCING

REF: A. NAIROBI 6245 B. STATE 204473

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL B EMBOFF CONTACTED MR. JULIUS MIMANO, CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER FOR EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND WAS INFORMED THAT GROUP MENTIONED IN REFTEL A DID IN FACT MAKE THE TRIP TO U.S. AND CANADA. THEY VISITED GENERAL MOTORS PLANTS IN LA GRANGE, ILL. AND ONTARIO.
 2. MIMANO STATED THAT THEY DID NOT CALL ON EXIM BECAUSE KENYAN GOVERNMENT NOT PRESENTLY INTERESTED IN EXIM'S TERMS. IBRD WAS NOT CONTACTED BECAUSE THEY HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN FINANCING NEW LOCOMOTIVES.
 3. THE TRIP TO THE GM PLANT IN ONTARIO WAS MADE TO DETERMINE IF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCING COULD BE ARRANGED. THEY LEARNED THAT GM CANADA DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCING BECAUSE IT IS MAJORITY US OWNED.
 4. MIMANO FEELS THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE TO RESTUDY THE ENTIRE MATTER AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DECISION UNTIL NOV OR DEC. FYI* MIMANO STATED
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THAT THE FIRST CHOICE FOR EQUIPMENT IS STILL GM

AND THAT HOPEFULLY SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT TO
ALLOW ITS PURCHASE.
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